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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

(57) Abstract: A floatable dry dock (10) comprising includes a lifting cradle (11) having two spaced arms (15) pivotally mounted on a buoyant base (12) and, one or more flotation tanks (16, 17, 18, 19, 20) interconnecting the arms (15). A platform (22) is mounted on the arms (15) and a platform support means (25, 26) is operable to ensure that the platform (15) remains horizontal when the arms (15) pivot about their pivotal attachment to the base (12).